

MINUTES
40TH ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
YOUTH SCIENCE FOUNDATION CANADA
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2002, 1:00 P.M.
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

1. OPENING REMARKS

The President, L. Silcox thanked the members for attending and the Host Committee for the fine job in implementing the 2002 Canada-Wide Science Fair. For purposes of this meeting, L. Silcox would be the Chair. No secretary was appointed.

2. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEERS

G. Cooke acting as Scrutineer submitted a report indicating that the total number of members present and those represented by proxy constituted the quorum necessary to conduct the business of the Annual General meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 39TH ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The Chair asked for approval of the following motion:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 39th ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS BE APPROVED.

Carried

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

L. Silcox reviewed the past year, indicating that the operation of the Foundation as a “virtual” organization had proven successful, but was not without its difficulties. The strategy had been successful in reducing expenses, but placed a tremendous workload on a few volunteers, including the President, particularly during the development of the online registration system and preparations for the Canada-Wide Science Fair. Challenges and delays in the development of the online system and YSF Canada web site placed the Saskatoon Host Committee under considerable pressure and did not provide them with the support that had been anticipated. However, the ability of everyone in the organization to “get the job done” resulted in a great fair for the participants, but had strained relationships between YSF and its stakeholders.

Clarification of the voting status of Members was requested from the floor. It was pointed out that some copies of the Regional Affiliation Agreement indicated that each affiliated region was granted membership in YSF Canada. However, the By-laws state that

organizations are Associate Members, who are Non-Voting Members. After some discussion, the following motion was proposed from the floor:

THAT THE BY-LAWS BE AMENDED SUCH THAT EACH AFFILIATING REGION, ON PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE, SHALL DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FOUNDATION WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER.

Carried

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

L. Silcox presented a Draft Audited Financial Statement for the year 2001, indicating that the Board would not accept the statement until certain discrepancies between the Financial Officer's report and the Auditor's report could be clarified. L. Silcox and F. Seif (Vice president) indicated that they would prepare a report to the Board after consultation with the auditors. The Chair asked for the approval of the following motion:

THAT THE DRAFT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2001 BE RECEIVED AND THAT THE BOARD BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT ONCE THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. ONCE APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN, THE APPROVED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT SHALL BE CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS WITHIN 90 DAYS.

Carried

6. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

L. Silcox indicated that he would be retiring as President. A list of board members was presented, including the nomination of Stefane Filion, a university student and former Canada-Wide Science Fair and Intel International Science and Engineering Fair gold medalist. The Chair was asked whether nominations from the floor would be accepted to which he responded in the affirmative. The following members were nominated and seconded from the floor: Antoine Garwah – Timmins, David Turcotte – Saskatoon, Marilyn Webster – Halifax.

The Chair asked for the approval of the following motion:

THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS BE APPROVED AS DIRECTORS OF THE YOUTH SCIENCE FOUNDATION CANADA FOR THE YEAR 2003:

RENI BARLOW
CAROLE CHARLEBOIS
DR. MARY FAIRHURST

STEFANE FILION
ANTOINE GARWAH
ROBERT GRANT
LORNE HESLOP
ANIE PERRAULT
DR. FARHAD SEIF
DAVID TURCOTTE
MARILYN WEBSTER

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was considerable and wide-ranging discussion on the operation of the Foundation, including questions for clarification and statements of concern over the relationship between the Foundation and its stakeholders. The Chair and other members of the Board responded to the general satisfaction of the membership. No motions resulted from the discussion.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

As a result of the extensive discussion that took place during Other Business, a motion to appoint the auditor for 2002 was overlooked. As a result, the firm of McIntyre and McLarty, who have performed the audit since 1997, will again conduct the audit for 2002.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.